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SUBJECT: ECE MEETING: SOVIET PROPOSAL

REFERENCE: GENEVA 2572

FOR US DEL ECE MEETING 31ST SESSION

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE SUPPLEMENTS BASIC USG POSITION ON SOVIET PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN STATE 72861.
2. WE CONCUR IN ASSESSMENT CONTAINED REFTEL THAT WE SHOULD LET EC-9 VIEWS COALESCE FURTHER AND LET THEM TAKE LEAD IN
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DEVELOPING ANY POSSIBLE COMPROMISE RE SOVIET PROPOSAL.

3. WE ALSO CONCUR THAT WHEREAS THERE MAY BE PRESENTATIONAL ADVANTAGE IN SINGLE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION APPROACH, BASED ON EARLIER EC-9 DRAFT, UK SUGGESTION FOR INCORPORATING INTO OMNIBUS RESOLUTION STUDY OF SOVIET PROPOSAL APPEARS INADEQUATE. ANY ULTIMATE COMPROMISE FOR FOLLOW-ON STUDY OF SOVIET PROPOSAL WITHIN ECE SHOULD BE CLEARLY LINKED TO COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW-ON WORK ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS AS SUGGESTED IN OPENING US POSITION, INCLUDING TRADE AND SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY. THERE SHOULD BE SIMILAR BALANCE IN PREAMBULAR REFERENCES. IN ADDITION, THE MOST WE COULD

FORESEE AS ROLE FOR STANOVNIK WOULD BE TO REPORT VIEWS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS MIGHT BE IMPLIED IN UK TEXT. WE ARE NOT CLEAR ON IMPLICATIONS OF UK SUGGESTION FOR STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES (PBS), PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF ENERGY WHERE NO COMPREHENSIVE BODY NOW EXISTS. FURTHER COMMENT BY US DEL WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. UK DRAFT APPEARS TO USE TERM "NOTE" RATHER THAN PHRASE "NOTE WITH INTEREST" AS IN SOVIET TEXT. WE FIND UK FORMULATION GREATLY PREFERABLE IN THAT IT WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT EXAMINATION WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS TO OUTCOME.

5. WE SHOULD AVOID USE OF SOVIET SHORTHAND TERM QUOTE ALL EUROPEAN UNQUOTE IN EVENTUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION SINCE THIS TERM DESIGNED TO IMPLY US AND CANADA NOT FULL PARTICIPANTS. (FYI: THIS TERM WAS AVOIDED IN ALL CSCE FINAL DOCUMENTS.)

6. WE SUGGEST THAT AT TUESDAY WESTERN CAUCUS AND IN BILATERALS YOU PROBE ALLIES FURTHER, POINTING OUT WEAKNESSES IN UK FORMULATION AND MAKING SUGGESTIONS ALONG ABOVE LINES. WE SHOULD AVOID GETTING OUT IN FRONT OF EC-9 ON ANY FORM OF POSITIVE RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, IF CONSENSUS DEVELOPS AMONG OTHER ALLIES FOR SOME FORM OF COMPROMISE TO STUDY SOVIET PROPOSAL, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH US PREFERS TO HAVE NO REPEAT NO FOLLOW-ON

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TO SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCES, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEDE TO SUCH AN OUT COME IF IN A FORM CONSISTENT WITH SUBSTANCE PARAS 3-5 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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